

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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Abstract

A phacoemulsification needle is provided having a rod member (12) arranged for transmission of ultrasonic energy to an ocular substrate to effect emulsification thereof, and a hollow tube member (14) having an inner surface (18) defining a lumen arranged for aspiration of emulsified ocular material, the hollow tube member (14) being disposed about the rod member (12), the rod member (12) having a distal end (11) and a proximal end (13) and the hollow tube member (14) having a distal end (19) and a proximal end (17). A solid core phacoemulsification needle is provided including an elongated rod member surrounded by a hollow tube member having a central longitudinal axis coincident with the rod member. The hollow tube member comprises an elongate annular wall having an inner surface defining a lumen, and an outer surface. The hollow tube member and the rod member are arranged to be attached to a phacoemulsification handpiece, preferably via a threaded coupling means so that the lumen is connected to the aspiration line of the phacoemulsification console.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet